



# Peninsula Metropolitan Park District

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## STUDY SESSION MINUTES

July 21, 2020, 5:00 PM

PenMet Park Study Session at 5 p.m. and Regular Meeting at 6 p.m. Tuesday, July 21st, at the PenMet CRC (Community Recreation Center) 2416 14th Ave NW, Gig Harbor, WA 98335. PenMet will be implementing safe physical distancing for all in attendance and encourage participants to bring their own masks. Printed agendas will not be available at the meeting. PenMet encourages citizens to view materials on their personal devices. You can also attend by telephone or Zoom. Dial in to 1-253-215-8782 and enter 818 3763 9791. When prompted, enter the password 0742337964. Via Zoom: Meeting ID: 818 3763 9791 Password: PenMet0721. Citizen Comments can be emailed to [admin@penmetparks.org](mailto:admin@penmetparks.org) by July 20th at 5:00 PM and will be read at the meeting.

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**Call to Order** The meeting was called to order by Commissioner Hill at 5:05 pm

### Commissioners Present:

Maryellen (Missy) Hill  
Kurt Grimmer  
Amanda Babich  
Laurel Kingsbury  
Steve Nixon

### Staff:

Doug Nelson  
Elaine Sorensen  
Eric Guenther  
Stacie Snuffin  
Glenn Akramoff  
Ed Lewis  
Spencer Manjarrez  
Chuck Cuzzetto  
Kelly Darling

### ITEM 1 Approval of Agenda

Commissioner Babich made a motion to approve the agenda, seconded by Commissioner Nixon. The agenda was approved with a 5-0 vote

### ITEM 2 Board Discussion: Strategic Plan Update

#### 2a. Youth Sports Programming

President Hill read 3 bullet points from topic 3 from the PenMet Strategic Plan document in relation to PenMet Youth Sports. Executive Director, Doug Nelson reported that PenMet has seen very positive registration numbers for camps this summer and inquires for fall sports are great. He reported that PenMet has received positive feedback for last Spring and Fall basketball and flag football leagues. Nelson discussed there is some uncertainty of what sports programming will look like due to the current Covid-19 pandemic. He opened discussion to the Board regarding any experiences that they have had with past programs as a volunteer coach or player parent. Commissioner Babich discussed her appreciation for PenMet keeping to the appropriate level of competitiveness in the youth sports programs. She spoke about incorporating a



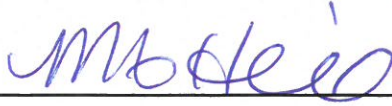
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solid coaching education program; including various tools for the parents, a manual with more resources and practice drills along with possibly giving the coaches an incentive for their time; such as discounted registration for their children. Commissioner Kingsbury echoed Commissioner Babich's views. She talked about some of her experiences with PenMet's camps and sports programs. Commissioner Nixon discussed some of his past experiences back when the sports programs were through PAA. He spoke about the importance of engaging with the community and agreed with Commissioner Babich about incentives for coaching. Commissioner Grimmer expressed the need for terrific organization and communication throughout the whole season and implementing clinics for the coaches for the different age groups as well as parent training. He also agreed with an incentive for coaching. Commissioner Babich and Commissioner Grimmer had a discussion along with Planning & Special Projects Manager, Eric Guenther regarding when PenMet absorbed the PAA Program and what happened to the community members that are outside PenMet boundaries. They talked about revisiting the topic with Key Peninsula Park District at a future date. Commissioner Babich spoke about PenMet's fee structure. Executive Director, Doug Nelson asked the Board what were some critical elements of youth sports activities that create character, build community, and create memorable experiences. The Commissioners discussed these elements along with some of their experiences with youth sports programs in the past. Nelson and Commissioners discussed communication and marketing materials such as a Parent Code of Conduct Handbook. President Hill and Marketing Specialist, Chuck Cuzzetto discussed a tag line that was presented at the Strategic Planning Session. Commissioner Kingsbury talked about communication when asking the community to volunteer to coach PenMet's Youth Sports. Commissioners had a discussion about building community through recreation. Commissioner Kingsbury spoke about some youth sports that aren't contact sports that PenMet might want to consider putting into the new CRC (Community Recreation Center). Commissioner Nixon suggested putting together a sports advisory committee that would include staff, commissioners, and community members.

**ITEM 3      Adjournment** Commissioner Hill adjourned the meeting at 5:59 pm

**APPROVED BY THE BOARD ON:** \_\_\_\_\_

  
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**President**

  
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**Clerk**